## **RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 3626**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA" PRIVATELY OWNED. OPERATED. AND MAINTAINED INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND THE ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES. LLC: URGING THE **FLORIDA** DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER REGULATORY/FUNDING AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT, DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; **EFFECTIVE DATE** 

WHEREAS, Downtown Miami is South Florida's largest, most utilized transitoriented neighborhood, featuring the State's largest employment center, a growing high-density residential community, major cultural and entertainment destinations, and an existing premium transit infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, Downtown Miami is not currently served directly by regional or intra-state passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida region is the most visited region in the State of Florida and the Greater Orlando Airport is one of the busiest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, "All Aboard Florida" has announced plans to develop a privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando, with four stops in between (provided herein as Exhibit "A"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Springs finds that this proposed service is consistent with and furthers the State's goal to have options for travelers to move between central and South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Springs wishes to encourage Florida East Coast Industries, LLC, to consider placing additional stations at high density/high commercial intensity areas along the route in order to better connect Downtown Miami to other parts of the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

<u>Section 1.</u> The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami Springs support the proposed "All Aboard Florida" privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between Downtown Miami and Orlando being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, LLC, encourage Florida East Coast Industries, LLC to consider placing additional stations at high density/high commercial intensity areas along

the route in order to better connect the regions, and urge the USDOT, Florida Department of Transportation, and other regulatory/funding agencies to support the project, as necessary.

<u>Section 3.</u> The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to The Florida League of Cities, Inc., the Honorable Governor Rick Scott, and the Florida State Legislature.

<u>Section 4</u>: That the provisions of this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, this <u>22<sup>nd</sup></u> day of <u>September</u>, 2014, on a motion by <u>Councilman Windrem</u> and seconded by <u>Vice Mayor Lob</u>.

Vice Mayor Lob	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Windrem	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Bain	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Petralanda	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Garcia	YES

Zavier M. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:

Jan K. Seiden, City Attorney